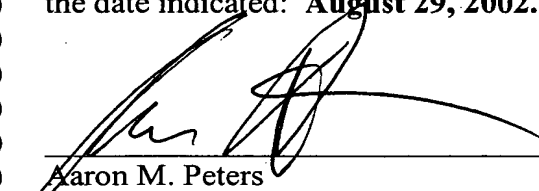


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 18, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated June 18, 2002, the applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered in light of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

The applicants have carefully considered the Office action dated June 18, 2002 and the references it cites. In view of the following, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Turning to the art rejections, the Office action rejected claims 1-4, 6, 9-22, 24 and 27-35 as being anticipated by Rawlins, U.S. Pat. No. 5,845,229. The Office action further rejected claims 5, 7, 23 and 25 as being unpatentable

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